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SUBJECT: CHARTER 77 - BASED MATERIALS CONTINUE TO APPEAR

1. EMBASSY HAS OBTAINED TWO DOCUMENTS BEARING NAMES OF SIGNERS OF CHARTER 77 BOTH OF WHICH LIKEN PRESS CAMPAIGN BEING LEVELED AGAINST CHARTER 77 TO SLANDER CAMPAIGNS OF THE 1950S.

2. ONE DOCUMENT, ENTITLED "CHARTER 77--DOCUMENT NO. 3" IS DATED JANUARY 15 AND BEARS THE NAMES OF JAN PATOCKA AND JIRI HAJEK. AFTER REVIEWING AISM ANDLEGAL BASIS OF CHARTER 77, STATEMENT CRITICIZES THE OFFICIAL MEDIA CAMPAIGN, SAYING THAT "THERE HAS BEEN NOTHING LIKE THE INSULTS, ACCUSATIONS AND SLANDERS IN THE PRESENT CAMPAIGN, SINCE THE SIMILAR CAMPAIGNS IN THE YEARS OF THE ILLEGAL POLITICAL TRIALS." CONTINUING THE ANALOGY, DOCUMENT POINTEDLY NOTES THAT DESPITE THE PETITIONS AGAINST
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CHARTER 77 WHICH HAVE BEEN ORGANIZED, THE TEXT IS BEING CONCEALED AND ACCORDING TO RUDE PRAVO "WILL NEVER BE PUBLISHED." THE DOCUMENT CONCLUDES WITH THE DEMAND THAT POLICE REPRISALS BE HALTED, THOSE ARRESTED RELEASED, THE CONTENTS OF CHARTER 77 MADE KNOWN TO THE CZECHOSLOVAK PUBLIC, AND THE "ORGANS OF POLITICAL POWER" BE CHARGED WITH DISCUSSING HOW TO SOLVE THE "MATERIAL PROBLEMS" OF PUTTING HUMAN RIGHTS INTO EFFECT IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA.

3. THE SECOND DOCUMENT IS A LETTER DATED JANUARY 17 FROM JOSEFA SLANSKY, WIDOW OF RUDOLF SLANSKY, FORMER CZECHOSLOVAK COMMUNIST PARTY GENERAL SECRETARY WHO WAS TRIED AND EXECUTED IN THE 1950S, AND ADDRESSED TO THE PRESENT GENERAL SECRETARY, GUSTAV HUSAK. THE AUTHOR OF THE LETTER CALLS FOR AN END TO POLICE REPRISALS AND THE MEDIA CAMPAIGN AGAINST CHARTER 77, WHICH SHE SAYS REMINDS HER OF THE 1950S. WHAT STRIKES ONE ABOUT THE LETTER, AS HAS ALREADY BEEN REPORTED BY BBC, IS THAT SLANSKY'S WIDOW DEFTLY DRAWS THE COMPARISON BETWEEN THE 1950S AND THE PRESENT, POINTING OUT THAT THE VERY WORD "SAMOZVANE" ("PRETENDER" OR "GATE-CRASHER") WAS APPLIED TO HUSAK DURING THE TRIALS OF THE 1950S--A POINT WHICH PRESUMABLY WOULD NOT BE LOST ON HUSAK.

4. COPIES OF TWO DOCUMENTS POUCHED DEPARTMENT.
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